

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/648,079	AI ET AL.
	Examiner TISHA D. LEWIS	Art Unit 3681

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the amendment received on January 7, 2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-32.
3. The drawings filed on 26 August 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

The following is a response to the amendment filed on January 7, 2005 which has been entered.

Response to Amendment

Claims 2-32 are pending in the application. Claim 1 has been cancelled.

-The objection to claims 1, 25 and 26 has been withdrawn due to the cancellation of claim 1 and the correction of grammar errors in claims 25 and 26.

-The 102(b) and (e) rejections of claims 1, 3-13 and 19-24 has been withdrawn due to the cancellation of claim 1. Indicated allowable claim 2 has been amended with the limitations of claim 1. Claim 2 is currently patentable over the prior art of record.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-32 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not disclose or render obvious a motivation to provide for:

-(as to claim 2) a power transmission having a first and second electric machine with a power rating equation using power inputted into the transmission, output to input speed at which the first machine has zero speed, output to input speed at which the second machine has zero speed and a ratio of electric input power to the first and second machine versus mechanical input power at the engine output shaft in combination with all the remaining limitations of claim 2.

-(as to claim 25) a method for a hybrid operation in a power transmission system including a first and second electric machine and a first and second planetary unit

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wherein a sun member of the first unit is coupled to the first machine and a sun member of the second unit is coupled to the second machine, generating power for the first machine from the engine output through the first unit and delivering the power to the second machine from the first machine in combination with all the remaining limitations of claim 25.

-(as to claim 26) a method for a hybrid operation in a power transmission system including identifying an output drive shaft speed and driver inputs, calculating an engine output using the above and determining an engine operating point based on a performance objective in combination with all the remaining limitations of claim 26.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TISHA D. LEWIS whose telephone number is 703-305-0921. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thur 8 AM TO 3 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, CHARLES A. MARMOR can be reached on 703-308-0830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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